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SUBJECT: ULLUNG ISLAND SPY RING

1. SEOUL DISTRICT PROSECUTOR JULY 3 ASKED FOR DEATH PENALTY FOR SIX OF DEFENDANTS IN ULLUNG ISLAND SPY RING CASE. PROSECUTION ALSO REQUESTED JAIL TERMS RANGING FROM LIFE TO TWO YEARS SIX MONTHS FOR 26 ADDITIONAL DEFENDANTS. REF A/REPORTED KCIA ANNOUNCEMENT OF DISCOVERY 47-MAN NORTH KOREAN ESPIONAGE RING.
2. PROSECUTION STATEMENT REPORTEDLY ACCUSED DEFENDANTS OF VIOLATING ANTI-COMMUNIST AND NATIONAL SECURITY LAWS BY ENGAGING ON INSTRUCTION FROM NORTH KOREA IN ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES TO OVERTHROW GOVERNMENT SPECIFICALLY, PROSECUTION CHARGED THEM WITH ATTEMPTING TO RECRUIT ARMY OFFICERS, COLLEGE STUDENTS, RELIGIOUS FIGURES AND LABORERS DURING PAST 11 YEARS. PROSECUTOR IS QUOTED AS SAYING CRIMES SHOULD BE SEVERLY PUNISHED TO "BLOCK IN ADVANCE" NORTH'S PLOT TO INVAADE THE COUNTRY AGAIN.

3. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT WAS ASKED FOR:

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CHON YONG-KWAN - FISHERMAN (RINGLEADER)

KIM YONG-DUK - UNEMPLOYED
YI SONG HUI - PROFESSOR
CHON YONG-PONG - UNEMPLOYED
CHAE KYU-SIK - VETERINARIAN
KIM YONG-KWON - FARMER

4. LIFE SENTENCES ASKED FOR:

YI SA-HONG - COMPANY EMPLOYEE
SON TU-IK CHIP CAPTAIN
SO HWA-SU - SAILOR

THE PROSECUTION DEMANDED SENTENCES FROM TWO AND ONE-
HALF YEARS TO 15 YEARS FOR 23 OTHER DEFENDANTS.

5. COURT EXPECTED TO RULE ON PROSECUTION'S DEMAND
FOR THESE HARSH SENTENCES ON JULY 24.

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